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TAGS: PFOR MY

SUBJ: MALAYSIAN REQUEST FOR ARMS

REF: (A) STATE 153669; (B) KUALA LUMPUR 3733 (NOTAL)

1. YOUR TELEGRAM OBVIOUSLY CROSSED OURS. LET ME RE-
EMPHASIZE THAT MALAYSIANS HAVE MADE AT LEAST ONE FIRM
DECISION: THEY WANT TO BUY M-16'S, PROBABLY 30,000
IMMEDIATELY AND PERHAPS (#)

NOT

RPT NOT UNDERSTAND IF TEAM IS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS
SPECIFICS OF PURCHASE. THEY HAVE ALSO SPECIFIED APC'S AND
ELECTRONIC SENSING DEVICES. OBVIOUSLY THEY NEED HELP
IN REFINING THEIR REQUIREMENTS, AND TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED
TO DO THAT.

2. I ASSUME AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL AND OTHERS IN
WASHINGTON ARE SATISFIED THAT LEE WAS SPEAKING FOR
RAZAK WITH RAZAK'S APPROVAL. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN MADE
EXPLICIT HERE AND WE HAVE TENDED TO TAKE WITH CAUTION
LEE'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT WHAT MALAYSIANS WANT OR SHOULD
WANT. IN ANY EVENT, I CAN SMOKE THIS OUT WHEN I GO
INTO GOM BY REFERRING DIRECTLY TO LEE'S COMMENTS IN
WASHINGTON. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, I SHOULD DELAY GOING
BACK TO GOM UNTIL YOU CLARIFY TEAM IS PREPARED TO

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DISCUSS SPECIFICS I HAVE INDICATED IN PARA ONE AND IN OUR

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